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**Subject:** Re > Elimination of Hydro One's Seasonal Rate Class-Letter from Hydro One dated February 17, 2021-(EB-2020-0246)

Dear Sirs,

I RESENT the apparent lack of transparency on the part of Hydro One and the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) in the matter of the above-noted rate increase for cottage owners in Ontario.

I RESENT the haughty indifference of Hydro One and the OEB in instituting this increase in tough economic times-I suppose when you have the luxury of being somewhat insulated from economic realities this is the best excuse which you can offer.

I RESENT the "smarminess" of Hydro One in offering to mitigate some of the consequences of this rate increase when in fact it was primarily responsible for the increase-to my mind this is somewhat akin to an arsonist being asked to help put out a fire which he himself started.

I RESENT the apparent arrogance of Hydro One and the OEB in treating cottage owners as their personal cash cows to be milked whenever Hydro One's profit margin dictates.

I RESENT the paternalistic reference in the letter from Hydro One to the OEB serving the "public interest" when it is obvious that cottage owners are not part of the public in which the OEB has any real interest- i suppose this is okay in that I assume that the OEB also stands for motherhood and apple pie.

I RESENT the autocratic statement in the letter from Hydro One that the OEB will definitely not reconsider its decision in this matter-so much for the concept of conciliation in public matters.

I RESENT the shallowness of the offer of a public meeting for those concerned when I am convinced that this increase has already been carved in stone with no deviation from Hydro One's and the OEB playbook to be tolerated - this offer , to my mind , is mere pap for the

masses.

Is it not time for publicly funded organizations in Ontario to realize that the pockets of the citizens of Ontario are not as deep as these organizations callously assume?

It is my wish that Hydro One and the OEB will reap what they sow.

Regards,

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